



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill #	HB0378	Title:	Generally revise animal fighting laws
Primary Sponsor:	Richmond, Tom	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 378 has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- HB 378 amends 45-8-210, MCA, by giving a misdemeanor offense to any person over 18 years of age who "knowingly attends any exhibition in which animals are fighting for the purpose of sport, amusement, or gain."
- There have been three instances of felony convictions under the original language 45-8-210, MCA, in the past 36 years. There was one in 1980, one in 1987, and one in 1997.
- Based on the number of felonies experienced under 45-8-210, MCA, it is assumed that misdemeanors under the same code will be minimal.
- Since the new crime will be a misdemeanor, there will be no fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date